



Essential Elements of the Norfolk Victorian Style

- Steeply pitched gable roofs
- Cut wood ornament, often with natural forms such as leaves and vines
- Wood clapboard siding
- Vertically proportioned windows and doors



NORFOLK VICTORIAN



Partial elevation and wall section

The Victorian style builds on the Carpenter Gothic cottages abundant in early rail-served coastal resorts. Pattern Books published by Andrew Jackson Downing and others were the source for many of these early house designs. These books made it easier for the builders of early resorts, country estates and even modest dwellings to adopt the style. Although exotic Victorian houses incorporating Eastlake, Queen Anne and Italianate details grew in popularity, folk-based Victorian houses flourished in this region.

The Norfolk Victorian style is based on the simple, elegant forms adapted to small houses. The massing forms are simple, while ornament is typically restrained and limited to the porch and the building's cornice.

